

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024080044

Project Title: Water Conservation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MER-64906-R4)

Project Location (Merced County): The Project is located at three locations within and adjacent to Mariposa Slough approximately 12 miles southwest of the City of Merced, in Merced County; Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 11 East and Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 12 East; USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map Exeter MDB&M; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 074-010-003-000 and 074-030-011-00; Latitude 37.182244 Longitude -120.716745, Latitude 37.178042 Longitude -120.699965, and Latitude 37.181415 Longitude -120.714742.

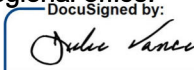
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-MER-64906-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Turner Island Water District.

The Project includes activities related to the construction and operation of a new pre-cast reinforced concrete turnout structure and outlet structure, and the replacement of two existing weirs within Mariposa Slough to support future groundwater recharge, by diverting water to a proposed adjacent groundwater recharge basin.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 6/22/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: 

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date: 6/22/2026

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Date Received for filing at LCI: _____